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OPERATION FLOOD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether under Operation Flood project liquid milk marketing capacity of 100.2 lakh litres per day has been set up;

(b) if so, the present per cent utilisation of this capacity, plant-wise;

(c) whether processing capacity in rural dairies was 180.9 lakh litres per day and for metro dairies this was 38.8 lakh litres per day;

(d) if so, the corresponding utilisation thereof, State-wise;

(e) the corrective steps taken in this regard;

(f) whether as per the policy paper circulated by the Government in August, 2000 a single authority to administer all food laws was to be set up; and
(g) if so, the present position in this respect ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a)to(e): The information is being collected.

(f)&(g): Department of Food Processing Industries (DFPI) organized four Regional Seminars at Calcutta, Mumbai, Bangalore and Lucknow to elicit regional inputs towards formulation of National Food Processing Policy.In these seminars, there was a consensus that apart from formulation of a National Food Policy an appropriate development oriented legislation be conceived as the present enactments are impending the growth of the sector. Accordingly an approach paper towards formulation of a processed food development act has been prepared and circulated to various Central Govt. Departments, State Govt., Industrial Associations, Research & Development organization and experts. Taking into consideration the input received from the cross sections, a draft bill has been drawn up. The draft bill envisages harmonization and simplification of existing laws, Development orientation in defining standards through Processed Food Development Act.